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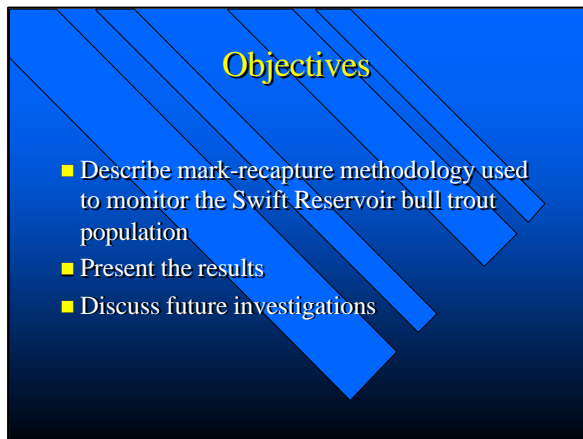


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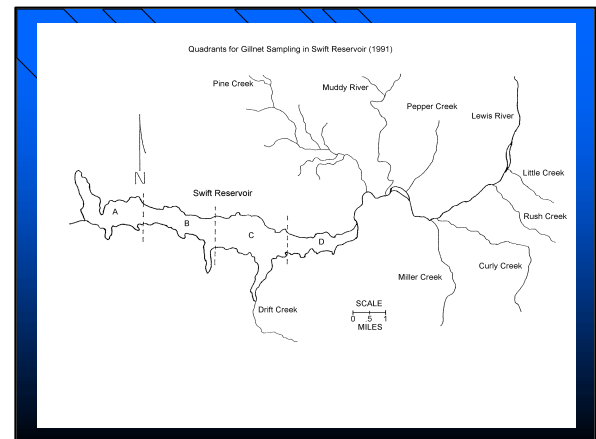


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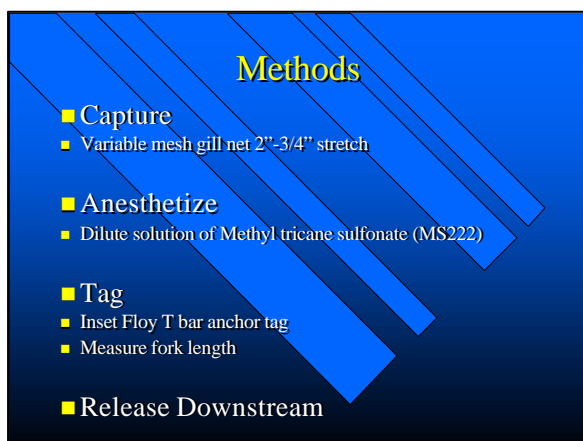


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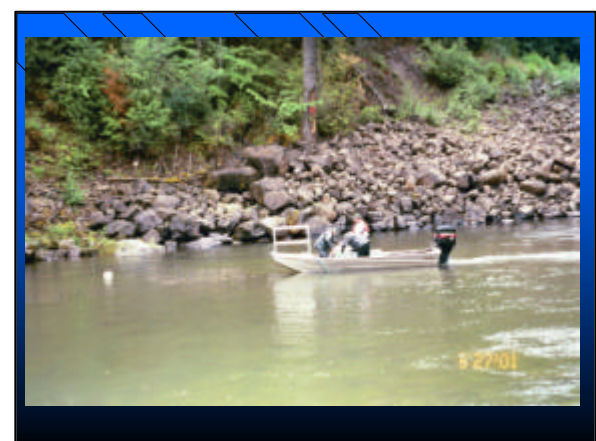


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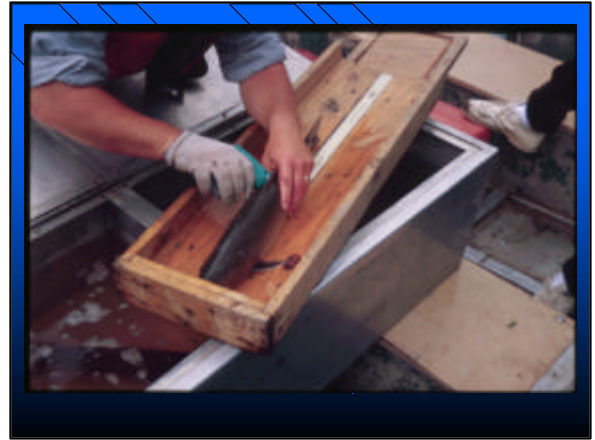


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Figure 9



Figure 10



Figure 11

Recapture or re-sight

- Recapture is conducted by snorkeling index areas
- Recapture is actually a re-sight since fish are observed by snorkeling
- Index areas cover both spawning tributaries
- Surveys are conducted over the spawning period

Figure 12



Figure 13

What population are we monitoring?

- Tagging adults staging to spawn
- Used length-frequency data to eliminate immature fish
- Used radio-tag data to correct for non-migrants
- Our population estimate is the annual population staging to spawn
- If pre-spawn or fishing mortality occurs then these estimates must be subtracted from the population estimate to obtain the spawning escapement

Figure 14

Noremark –joint hypergeometric (JHE) maximum likelihood estimator

$$\hat{N} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k \left(\frac{M_i}{m_i} \right) \left(\frac{N \& M}{n_i \& m_i} \right)}{\sum_{i=1}^k \left(\frac{M_i}{m_i} \right) \left(\frac{N}{n_i} \right)} \quad (1)$$

- M_i = Number of tagged bull trout in the population that are in the survey area surveyed at the time of the i^{th} sighting survey.
- n_i = Number of bull trout seen during the i^{th} sighting survey.
- m_i = Total number of sightings of marked bull trout.

Figure 15

JHE is a pooled Petersen Estimate

$$N = (C) * (M) / (R)$$

- N is the population size,
- M is the number of marked fish released,
- R is the number of marked fish re-sighted from all surveys, and
- C is the total number of fish re-sighted from all surveys.

Figure 16

Assumptions of the Petersen Estimator

- Closure;
- No mark loss;
- All marked fish are properly recognized;
- Marking has no effect on catchability;
- All fish have the same probability of being tagged in the first sample or of being captured in the second sample.

Figure 17

Closure

- Implies no immigration or emigration
- Still valid if mortality rate is equal for marked and unmarked animals
- Emigration and mortality of marked bull trout was ~ 6% based on radio-tagging in 1992
- All bull trout less than 37cm are non-migrants based on gill netting near spawning grounds
- Initial capture has been moved from headwaters of the reservoir to the river to capture actively migrating fish

Figure 18



Figure 19



Figure 20

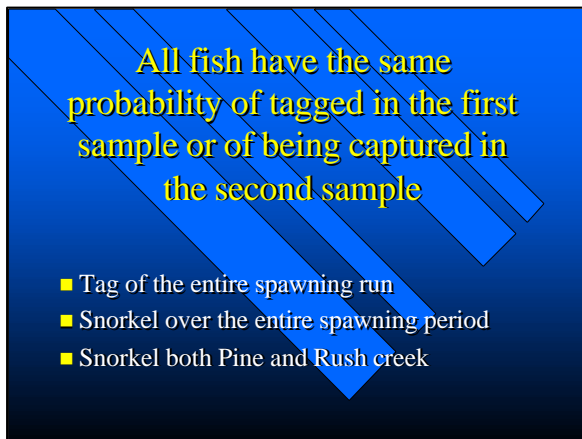


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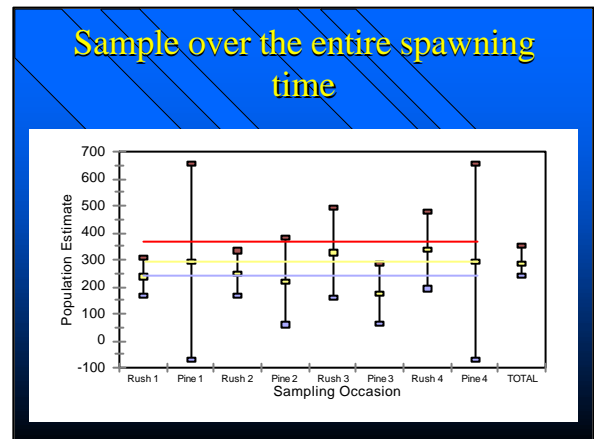


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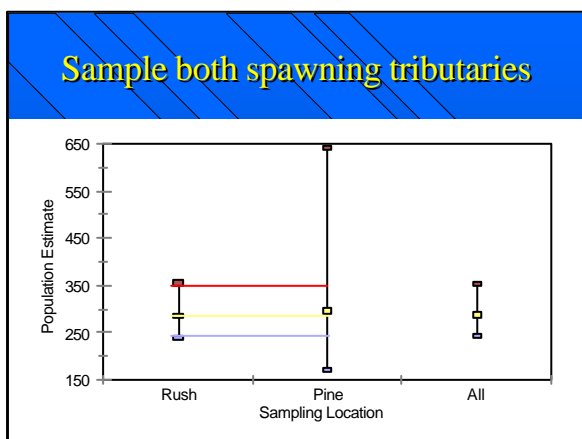


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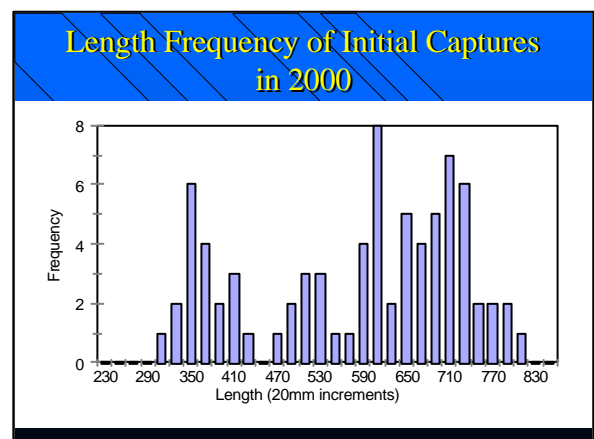


Figure 24

Results

- Fish captured by year
- Size trend by year
- Population estimate over time
- Population trend

Figure 25

Captures by Year

| Year | Timeframe | # Tagged | # Captured | # Recaptured | # Capture Mortalities |
|------|----------------|----------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 2001 | May 24-July 12 | 88 | 126 | 28 | 0 |
| 2000 | May 18-July 13 | 89 | 87 | 16 | 1 |
| 1999 | May 27-July 15 | 32 | 36 | 3 | 0 |
| 1998 | May 07-June 11 | 58 | 67 | 14 | 0 |
| 1997 | May 08-June 26 | 56 | 75 | 20 | 1 |
| 1996 | May 10-June 18 | 15 | 18 | 2 | 1 |
| 1995 | May 09-May 25 | 46 | 48 | 2 | 0 |

Figure 26

Upper Lewis River Bull Trout Spawner Estimates

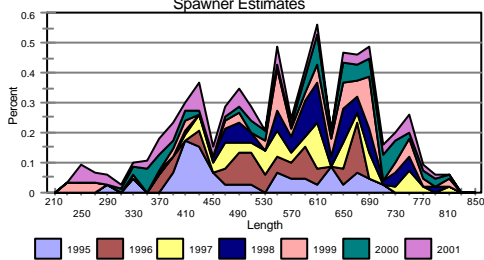


Figure 27

Population estimates of bull trout in the NF Lewis River

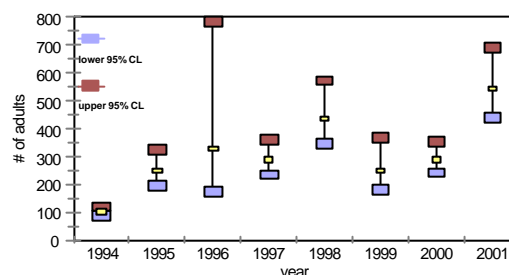


Figure 28

Future Investigations

- Maintain and/or improve precision of population estimates
- Estimate juvenile outmigration and timing into reservoir using a screw trap
- Pit tag adults and juveniles for accurate age and spawn information
- Small stream flat plate technology

Figure 29

Precision of Estimates

- Robson and Reiger (1964) recommended 95% Confidence Intervals of $\pm 25\%$ for management and $\pm 10\%$ for research
- 95% CI for NF Lewis spawners has ranged from 16% to 37% (avg. 24%) for 7 of the 8 years

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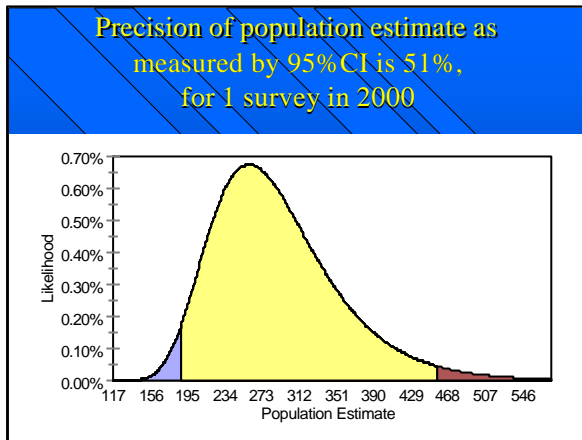


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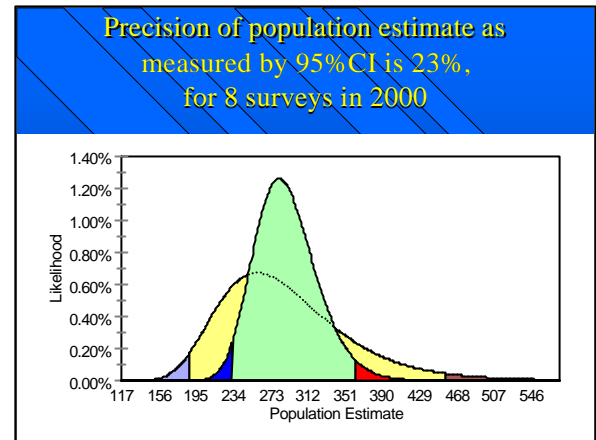


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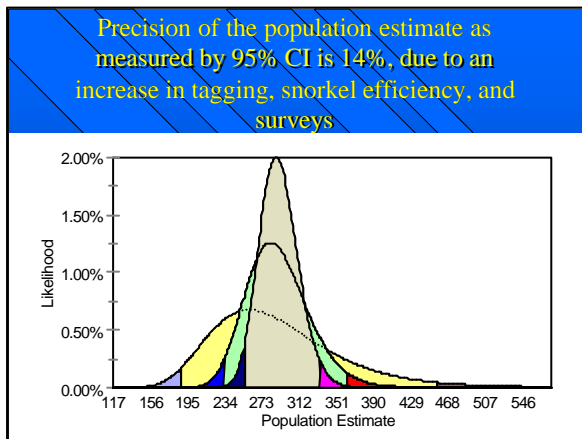


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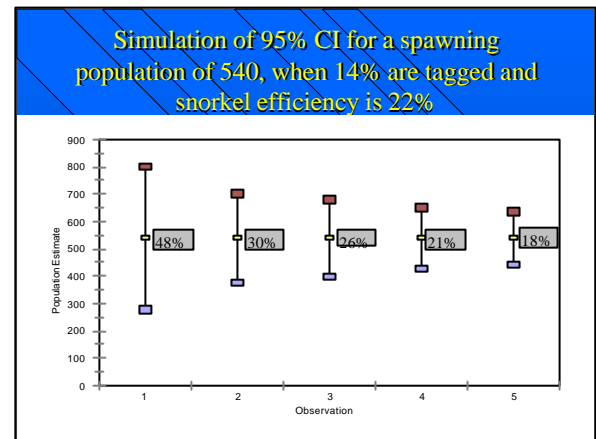


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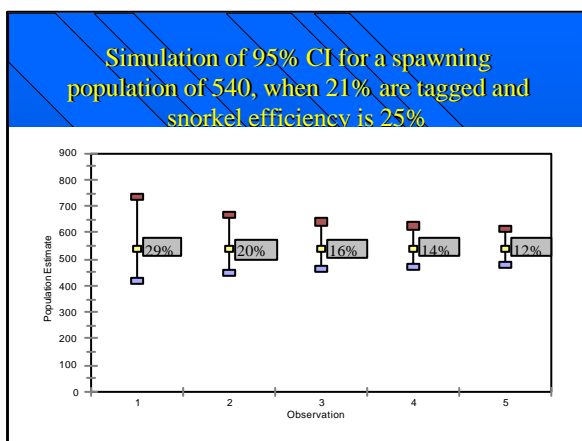


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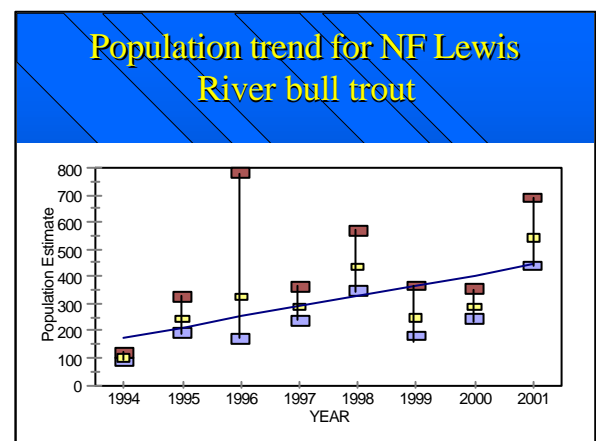


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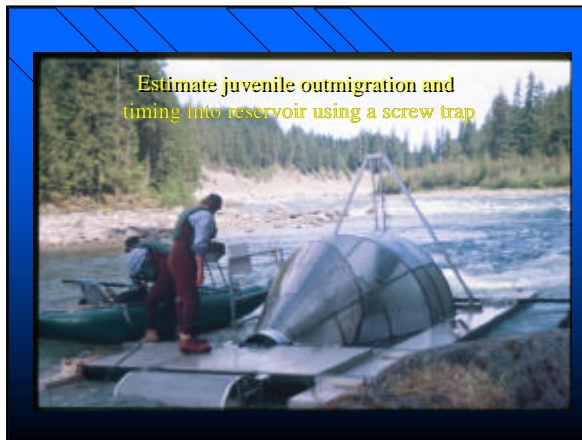


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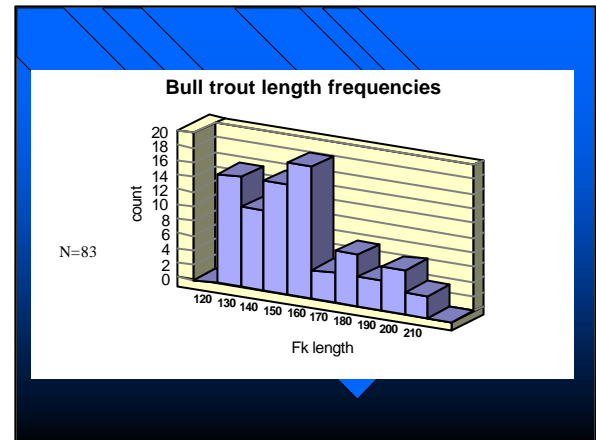


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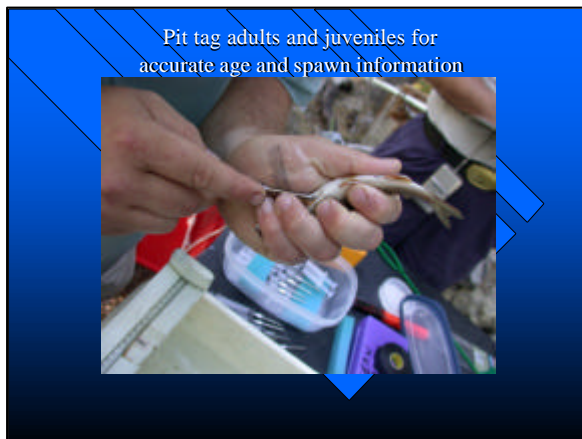


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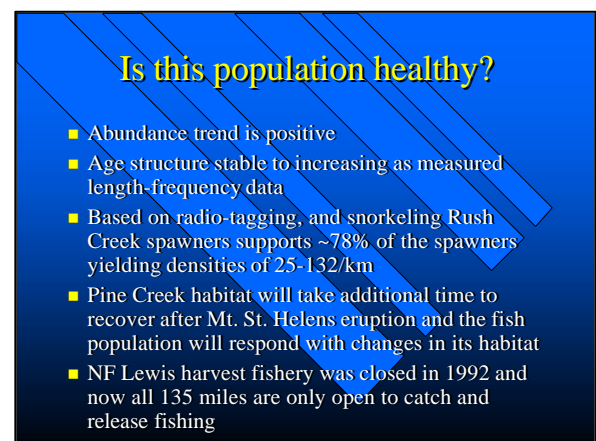


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